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FOLLOWING ARE GUIDELINES AND BACKGROUND FOR USDEL TO SUBJECT MEETING KEYED TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS OF TD/B/AC.15/1:

1. NO GUIDANCE REQUIRED:

2. US REP MAY SUPPORT ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURES OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING TO GOVERN PREP GROUP DELIBERATIONS.

3. US HAS NO CANDIDATE FOR OR INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE CHAIRMAN (OTHER THAN D. H. ZOTOV OF USSR, REFS. B AND C). USDEL MAY AT HIS DISCRETION SUPPORT QUALIFIED CANDIDATE. ALTHOUGH SOME DELS AT OCTOBER 9 OECD WORKING GROUP ON CONTAINER TRANSPORT MEETING INCLINED TOWARD GROUP D AND AGAINST GROUP B REP AS CHAIRMAN, US REP AT THAT MEETING RESERVED ON THIS POINT. US REMAINS SKEPTICAL ABOUT GROUP D CANDIDATE AND WE CONSIDER IT MORE LIKELY THAT GROUP OF 77 WILL PROVIDE CHAIRMAN, ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY

OF A GROUP B REP SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED. FOR COORDINATOR OF GROUP B, US REP MAY SUPPORT ERLING SELVIG OF NORWAY.

4. USDEL MAY CONCUR WITH ORGANIZATION OF WORK SCHEDULE SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT IN PART III OF TD/B/AC.15/1.

5. PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT ON INTERNATIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORT:

A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS MANDATE AND WITH BACKGROUND PAPERS, IT IS LIKELY THAT FIRST SESSION OF IPG WILL CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR STUDIES WHICH SECRETARIAT IS TO UNDERTAKE ON INTERMODAL TRANSPORT. WHILE FOCUSING ON STUDIES IPG DISCUSSIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO TOUCH ON POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE CONVENTION ON LIABILITY-DOCUMENTARY REGIME FOR MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT AS WELL AS IN BROADER QUESTION OF DIRECTION OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT.

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B. AS FAR AS STUDIES ARE CONCERNED, USDEL SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE THESE FOCUS ON LEGAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS INHERENT IN A CONVENTION ESTABLISHING A LIABILITY-DOCUMENTARY REGIME, RATHER THAN BE DISPERSED OVER ENTIRE RANGE OF POLICY ISSUES INHERENT IN MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT. TO ENCOURAGE IPG IN THIS DIRECTION, USDEL MAY IN HIS DISCRETION AGREE TO CO-SPONSORSHIP OF "DISCUSSION DRAFT" (AIRPOUCHED GENEVA AND HANDCARRIED BY USDEL) PREPARED

JOINTLY BY REPS OF AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, AND US DURING RECENT SERIES OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. OBJECTIVE OF TABLING THIS DISCUSSION DRAFT WOULD BE TO GUIDE SECRETARIAT STUDIES ALONG LINES DESIRED BY US. US DEL MAY ALSO IN HIS DISCRETION JOIN IN GROUP B TABLING OF SELVIG (NORWAY) PAPER ON STUDY GUIDELINES PROVIDED IT IS NOT AMENDED BY OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES IN WAY WHICH WOULD MAKE IT INCOMPATIBLE WITH "DISCUSSION DRAFT," OR OTHERWISE COMPLICATE OR HARM STUDIES. SELVIG PAPER CONSTITUTES FAIRLY BROAD OUTLINE FOR POSSIBLE SECRETARIAT STUDIES. HOWEVER, BY BEING MORE GENERALLY STATED, IT WOULD NOT FACILITATE THE SECRETARIAT FOCUSING STUDIES ON KEY CONVENTION ISSUES AS MUCH AS WOULD THE INTER-RELATED AND COHERENT SET OF CONCEPTS CONTAINED IN "DISCUSSION DRAFT."

C. US DEL SHOULD AS APPROPRIATE EMPHASIZE THAT CONCEPTS CONTAINED IN DISCUSSION DRAFT ARE TENTATIVE ONLY AND DO NOT REPRESENT USG POSITIONS ON PRINCIPLES FOR A CONVENTION WHICH MUST REALISTICALLY AWAIT CONCLUSION OF STUDIES

BEFORE FINAL FORMULATION. IN DISCUSSION OF CONCEPTS FOR A POSSIBLE LIABILITY-DOCUMENTARY REGIME US DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY UNEC SUBCOMMITTEE "CONCLUSIONS" PAPER (AIR-POUCHED GENEVA AND HANDCARRIED BY US DEL).

D. AS TO BROADER MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT POLICY QUESTIONS-- I.E. GOING BEYOND LIABILITY-DOCUMENTARY REGIME--US DEL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY US OBJECTIVE OF FACILITATING DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT ON WORLDWIDE BASIS. WHILE TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF LEGITIMATE LDC CONCERNS AND DESIRES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR ADDITIONAL STUDIES IN THIS AREA, US DEL SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID IPG ACTIONS OR DECISIONS ON STUDIES WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT.

6. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR SECOND SESSION PREP GROUP ALREADY SCHEDULED BY TDB FOR 15 JULY-2 AUGUST, 1974 WILL BE CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT DURING COURSE OF FIRST SESSION. ACCORDINGLY, US ACCEPTANCE THEREOF MAY BE DECIDED ON THE SPOT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE US DEL.

7. NO GUIDANCE REQUIRED. KISSINGER

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